

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Tim Keith, et al. Confirmation No.: 8966
Serial No.: 10/743,704 Group Art Unit: 1634
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For: NOVEL HUMAN GENES RELATING TO RESPIRATORY DISEASES AND OBESITY

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the non-final Official Action dated November 20, 2006, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

In addition, applicants have petitioned for three (3) months extension of time and paid concurrently herewith the appropriate fee for extending the period of response up to and including May 20, 2007.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.